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The following documents are enclosed in connection with the above-referenced patent application:

1. Amendment (19 pages);
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**FEE DETERMINATION**  
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In response to the Office Action of April 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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3. (Once Amended) The evacuation apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising at least a plurality of manifold barriers carried by said plenum, wherein said manifolds cover a portion of said inner periphery adjacent to said one nozzle operatively coupled to said fluid source.
4. (Once Amended) The evacuation apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said manifold barriers are solid.

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